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To the temple o' Israel

The Autumn season is on full swing and the people of our busy city are beginning to arrange their calendar of engagements for the next six months. It is a pertinent question to ask: Is Religion included in their program? Have they considered a little time and room for God in their lives? In view of the unprecedented conditions of stress and turmoil around us and within us this becomes a matter of vital importance. When a banker, before making a leap into eternity leaves a note with this content: "Unless the world returns to God, there is no hope in life"—the question assumes the character of a practical and immediate urgency.

Based upon facts of tragic experience the writer appeals to his own people to consider their wellbeing in the higher values of the spirit. There are hundreds of thousands of Jews in this city who have barely a nodding acquaintance with God. They attend on New Year's Day and Atonement Day, send in their visiting cards, as it were, chat for a few moments, pay their respects to the Almighty and, *are through* for the year. Drugged by the poison of conceit or by the views of undigested knowledge they become alienated from worship, estranged from the sanctuary and consequently fail to touch the wondrous fountain of Religious faith.

God comes not nearer to man than man comes to Him. If you seek Him He is near. If you shun Him, He fades into air. Divine worship is an act of grace toward self and others. It is holy communion of reason and conscience. It is a rationally conceived and spiritually approved social obligation. See that it aims to accomplish for you and your family: To give you a restful diversion from your toil and moil. To stimulate your thoughts and feelings upon the higher issues of life. To invigorate and quicken your spirit through song and service, litany and lecture. To keep warm your life-sustaining faith in God and humanity. To lend you poise and dignity in prosperity and supply you with a prop and fortitude in adversity.

Attend service regularly and you will reap a harvest of joy and peace..

OFFICERS

Rev. Dr. Gabriel Schulman.....*Rabbi*
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THE LATE SERVICES

Beginning this Friday evening and to continue throughout the winter our Sabbath Eve. Services will be held at 8:15 o'clock. Features of musical merit will be added by our Cantor and choir to the traditional standard of solemnity and devotion. A special effort will be made to cultivate Congregational singing. The following topics are to form the pulpit discourses by our Rabbi during this month:

Friday 16th—

"The One Year Plan."

Friday 23rd—

"The Jewish Belief in God."

Friday 30th—

"The Jewish Belief in Immortality."

Come, let us start right with a big congregation. A sincere welcome awaits you and your friends.

Legion Armistice Service

The Lexington Post No. 108 will hold a military service with massed colors from other organizations in commemoration of Armistice Day at the Park Ave. Synagogue on Sunday, November 1st, at 4 P.M. sharp. Addresses will be made by the Post National Commander, Edward E. Spafford, Chaplain father Roosens of St. Albert's Church, Rev. P. C. Jones of the Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church and Dr. Gabriel Schulman.

The public is cordially invited.

A Letter from a Convert

New York, Sept., 22, 1931

My dear Mr. Schulman:

It was indeed a great day for me. The services were very impressive to my Imagination, Solemn spiritually, E BON GUSTO, for my artistic temperament. Your sermons were very well delivered. It embraced every point of importance, that every intelligent person, JEW or GENTILE should know and think about.

I felt very much enlightened and INSPIRED by your constructive thoughts, THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE and SPIRITUAL sensitiveness. WAGNER could not have inspired me any more than you did. It was a great privilege to be at the temple.

Yours respectfully,

A JEW CONVERTED to
JUDAISM

The Temple Theatre Party

Those who remember our Theatre party of two years ago when a huge and wonderful audience enjoyed "Topaz" to the nth degree will welcome with the same zest the new theatrical event to be held under similar auspices Monday night, November 9th at the 44th Street Theatre. Mr. Gerson Jacobson, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee has again succeeded in securing the outstanding show of the season for the benefit of our Temple. "The Good Companions" is a towering production of comedy and music which no theatre-goer will want to miss. Here is an opportunity of giving the Temple a helping hand and at the same time securing for ourself a wonderful evening of enjoyment. Reserve the 9th of November for the Temple Theatre Party and get your tickets from the Secretary or the Sisterhood or the Men's Club at 50 East 87th Street, phone, SAcramento 2-8765 and fill the big auditorium with the members and friends of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

We are happy to note the recovery of Sam Blum.

NOTES AND NUTS

It is most gratifying to learn that friend Nathan Caro has completely recovered from his recent operation. He has gained in weight since his confinement, it is said. Larchmount is not far enough from here to justify friend Gerson Jacobson's absent treatment and long distance control. We like to see his towering figure and hear his stentorian voice regularly.

Last summer during a Sabbath morning service a national from the Emerald Isle under the influence of the noble experiment tried to enter the Synagogue. His reason was: "Maybe my luck will change if I become a Jew." Who knows, perhaps!

At the mass meeting in Madison Square Garden when Rabbi Schulman stepped before the microphone a husky fellow with a thunderous voice bellowed: "Three cheers for Prohibition." He certainly knew his Bible.

WELCOME DR. DAVIS

We feel highly honored by the return visit of the Rev. Dr. John Logan Davis who is to be the guest speaker at the Open Meeting of the Men's Club, Sunday evening, October 25th in the Social Auditorium. A great evening is in store for us, rare in humor and superb in music. There should be standing room only.

To Speak at Methodist Episcopal Church

Our Rabbi has been invited to address the Washington Square Methodist Episcopal Church at a regular service on Sunday evening, October 25th, at 8 o'clock. He will speak on "Our Common Ground."

THE SISTERHOOD

Regular Meetings, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month..

Do not forget our forthcoming first and only big affair of the season: the Charity Card Party at Hotel Commodore, Tuesday, October 20th, 1931, at 2 P.M. Carrie Manheimer, Beatrice Klenert and Hilda Davidson are the hostesses. Handsome prizes will be awarded and a good time assured to all. We trust the Sisters will give their whole hearted cooperation to insure its social and financial success.

We had the honor and pleasure of initiating Mrs. S. Weinberger and Mrs. Rosenbaum as new members of our organization.

Congratulations are extended to Sister M. Mittleman upon the engagement of her son and to Sister Bertha Davidson upon the engagement of her son. Also to Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Marquith on their Tenth Wedding Anniversary. May they enjoy many, many years of wedded bliss in good health and prosperity.

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It is with profound sorrow that we announce the death of our Dear Sister Sophie Roemer. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to her bereaved family.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Sister Carrie Oppenheimer on the untimely passing of her Dear Husband and Dear Brothers and to Sister Josie Newberger on the death of her Dear Brothers. May these bereaved families be spared all future sorrow.

It is requested of the Sisters when changing their address to kindly notify our Secretary, Etta Caro as soon as such change has taken place.

Just to remind you of the gradually nearing one-day Domestic Science Bazaar on Thursday, December 3rd,

1931. All donations will be thankfully received. Sister Betty Friedman, Chairman, Hattie Weinberger, Co-Chairman.

INFORMATION

All inquiries about matters pertaining to the Synagogue, such as cemetery plots, memorial windows, bronze tablets, membership seats, Bar Mitzvahs and weddings should be addressed or phoned to the Secretary, Emanuel Rosenthal, 50 East 87th Street, SACramento 2-8765.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

To Parents of Children of School Age:

On Sunday morning, October 11th, our school has opened its doors to welcome and teach your children.

In the past we have had a very fine school and it is our aim to make it even bigger and better. You can help us achieve this by cooperating with us. Having registered your children, see that they attend regularly and punctually, and take an interest in their progress. You will never regret the time and the patience you are asked to give to your child's religious education.

This year we shall start our first period class *promptly* at 10 o'clock, and have our assemblies, to which all parents and friends are invited, at 11:30. We therefore want our pupils in the school building not later than 9:50. Please cooperate with us by sending your children every Sunday and on time and keep an eye on their home work. In that way you will not only help the Rabbi, the Principal and the Teachers, but your children and your best selves.

To Our Readers:

There is nothing like writing down what you think. It clears your own mind, softens the temper, and may help somebody else to think. We will offer a column as a clearing house for your thoughts. Send the Editor your ideas on Religious questions or Jewish problems. Suggest your topics for a message from the pulpit. The Rabbi will be glad to meet your views sympathetically and, if feasible will discuss them during the season at the Friday night services. Address Editor of the Bulletin, 50 East 87th Street, N. Y. C.

MEN'S CLUB

The initial meeting of the Men's Club was held October 12th in the vestry rooms and its transpiration augurs well for the future of our Club. A goodly number were present. Dr. Moses Benmosche, Dr. Harry Kava and Mr. David Brown were initiated into membership. New members have been promised.

Our activities for the ensuing year were outlined. Open meetings of splendid character will be a monthly feature.

The next meeting of our Club will be held Sunday, October 25th, at 8:30 P.M. sharp. This will consist of an open meeting at which men and women, boys and girls, whether in any way connected with the Temple or not are cordially invited to be present. A program of unusual merit has been arranged.

The speaker of the evening will be REV. DR. JOHN LOGAN DAVIS America's wittiest and most sparkling humorist.

Violin solos by the eleven year old prodigy, Master Robiere Rudie.

Piano selections by the master pianist virtuoso—Mr. David Brown.

Vocal selections by Mrs. Gladys Goodman; a rare and charming personality.

An unusual program of rare talent at your disposal. All welcome—no admission fee.

The program of the Men's Club is an ambitious one. The committees are hard at work. Your cooperation is expected in the form of your attendance at our open meetings.

And by the way:—Do not forget the "Good Companion," Gerson Jacobson's pet—November 9th, 1931, at the 44th Street Theatre.

The first meeting of the Men's Club during the month of November will be held November 2nd—Monday night, so as not to conflict with the Temple Theatre Party.

We're off—so let's go.

Jacob M. Goldenkoff, Pres.

IN MEMORIAM

With sincere sorrow we record the passing of

Abraham Kassel
Henry Oppenheimer
Carrie Lilienstern.

May their souls rest in peace.

We extend to the bereaved families our heartfelt sympathy. May God comfort them.